



Family History Newsletter

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Family History Group Meetings

The July meeting will be July 7, 2010.

1901 Irish Census

By Annette Fulford

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>

On June 2, the 1901 Irish Census joined the 1911 Irish Census online at The National Archives of Ireland; you can search, view and download original images from their website for free.

Search results include Surname, Forename, Townland/Street, District Electoral Division (DED), County, Age and Sex. When you click on the hyperlink name it takes you to a full list of the household. This page also includes a link to the original census return for the family.

Another link includes a page with a list of heads of household per street and another for additional buildings, etc on the property.

My Gibson family has been a difficult line to trace, especially since most branches of this family moved around a lot.

However, I've known for a few years that my Gibson's were living at Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1901. I was waiting patiently for the census records to go online so I could readily access these documents.

To my surprise I found my Gibson family living at 15 Sydney Street West in Belfast. My great aunt's birth registration from April 15, 1901 states that the

family lived at 10 Sydney Street West. She was registered the same day she was born by her father. Her birth was two weeks after this census was taken.

The biggest surprise I discovered while searching these census records was to find another great aunt and her family were living just down the street at 3 Sydney Street West. I found her husband in the 1901 Scottish Census with his parents at Renfrew, Scotland previously. And I had searched for her in the Scottish census, to no avail. Now I know why – she was in Belfast at the time. Her husband was likely just visiting his parents the night the census was taken.

I solved one mystery but uncovered different one. I found listed with my great aunt another daughter named Kitty, who was 8 months old; she was born in Scotland. What happened to her? She most likely died young. I'll have to see what I can uncover about her life.

Image Databases

By Andrea Lister

The Vancouver Public Library (VPL) and The City of Vancouver Archives have wonderful online image databases:

<http://www.vpl.vancouver.bc.ca/find/cat/C393/>

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/archives/photos/index.htm>

F.W. Rounsefell was a partner in the insurance company Ceperly, Rounsefell & Co. so I thought I would search for images of the building on 739 West Hastings Street. From the VPL site I entered "rousefell" into the search box and found four images of the building.

I did the same search on the City of Vancouver Archives site and to my surprise was rewarded with two images of F. W. Rounsefell as part of a rugby team and one as a member of the Vancouver Club.

However, the most exciting find is a photo of Dunthwaite Private School for young ladies at the corner of Dunsmuir Street and Seymour Street from 1890. In the photo is my great-grandmother, Daisy Rounsefell, her sister Mary Rounsefell, and, a new addition to my tree, their second cousin Elsie De Wolf.



Image Sch P48 Courtesy of the City of Vancouver Archives. Photographer: Bailey and Neelands

The image description provides married names for the girls so I have been able to trace Elsie De Wolf as Mrs. Montieth.

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Online Resources

Irish Famine Migration

In the Wake of Dark Passage: Irish Famine Migration to New Brunswick, 1845-1852 at: <http://archives.gnb.ca/Irish/IWDP/en/Default.aspx>

Update: Soldiers of the First World War

The Library and Archives Canada has started adding service files to the Soldiers of the First World War database at <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/cef/001042-100.01-e.php> (note the new box for Digitized files). There are 435 files online now. To browse the list of names, just click on digitized files and search without adding any further details to the database.

There are also a number of service files online with the Lest We Forget Project - for WWI:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cenotaph/025009-1110.01-e.html> and for

WW2:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cenotaph/025009-1110.02-e.html>

Family History Events

Cloverdale Library

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30am.

- **First Steps on the Ancestral Trail** with Brenda Smith, Saturday, September 11, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Fee: \$10.00
- **Start Searching Your Family History** with Brenda Smith, September 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 15, 2010, 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Fee \$100 for series.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Genealogy section of the Surrey Public Library website www.spl.surrey.bc.ca or call us at 604-598-7328.

Maple Ridge Library

- **Ancestry Workshops**, June 26, July 10, August 21, 2010, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Fee Free.

Come and learn how to research your family tree using the Ancestry database.

Members of the Maple Ridge Historical Society will guide you through the intricacies of online genealogy during this three-part workshop.

Registration is required. 604-467-7417

15th Annual Tri-Stake Family History Seminar

- **Finding Your Roots Family History Seminar**, October 23, 2010, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Fee Free.

6270 - 126th Street Surrey, BC, 604-597-9695

<http://www.findingyourroots.ca/>